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Kaiser and Lemmer remain as party leaders.  
 Dr. Johann Gradl, Economics and Finance.  
 Dr. (Heinrich?) Krone, Culture and Youth.  
 Dr. Robert Tillmanns, General Politics.  
 Georg Dertinger, Party Administration.  
 Dr. Elfriede Nebgen, Women's Committees.

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6. The principal reason underlying this headquarters change is alleged to be that Kaiser is attempting to forestall efforts on the part of the Russians to split the CDU in the eastern zone from the CDU in Berlin and the western zones. They are trying to do this through two persons, namely, Herwegen and Dertinger. [redacted] Herwegen is fully behind Kaiser, but is a man who gives in freely to the Russians and lacks the courage even to temporize with them. On the other hand, Dertinger is believed to be the man within the CDU Executive Committee who has been used by the Russians constantly and methodically to cause dissension and a party split. Kaiser has spoken to Tulpanov about removing Dertinger, but Tulpanov expressed dissatisfaction, and for that reason, instead of being entirely removed from the executive set-up, Dertinger has taken over the administrative details.

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[redacted] Comment: Dertinger was a journalist, and under the Nazis wrote constantly for the party papers, although not a [redacted] man with much initiative, but would never be allowed to work at his profession in the western zones. [redacted] the Russians know this and are probably holding this knowledge of his past activities over his head. Dertinger first came to the CDU during the Hermes administration. Hermes accepted him soon after the party was organized, without knowing too much about his background. When Kaiser took over leadership of the CDU, Dertinger stayed on and it has not been until the past several weeks that Kaiser has become suspicious of Dertinger's activities and apparent associations with the Russians.

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